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Thanikkudam Scheme.

85. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state in what stage the Thanikkudam project now is, and what work has been done with reference to it in the year 1103?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 14.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It was said that the preliminary investigation is over. Will the Government be prepared to publish anything regarding the preliminary investigation? The answer given to question No. 14 was preliminary investigation is over and some detailed investigation is going on.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I think the result of the preliminary investigation was stated in the House.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not think anything was stated to my knowledge. My mind is blank regarding that.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—What is the particular information you want?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Regarding the electrical possibilities.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I do not think there are any electrical possibilities. The reservoir is intended simply for storage of water and we are to use the water either for *kole* lands or for some other purpose. I wanted to find out from the owners of the *kole* lands whether they are prepared to pay sufficient money per annum in return for the water. If they ensure us such payment we can work the whole scheme. The whole water will be wanted for the *kole* lands and *kole* lands alone. It is hardly enough for them. If on the other hand we find that the *kole* land people are unwilling to pay or the water is insufficient, we can think of the water supply to Anappara and Trichur. So that, we have got several alternatives, and the delay is to settle how to use the water. But there is no hope of possible electrical development there.

Thalippara Bridge.

86. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this Council:—

(a) whether the construction of a bridge in Thalippara (തളിപ്പറമ്പ) was at any time sanctioned by the Government;

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